



# Library eBooks for iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch

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The library offers free EPUB eBooks and MP3 eAudiobooks for iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch through a service called OverDrive. There are no late fees. Titles are returned automatically when the checkout period expires or may be returned early. Ten items may be borrowed at a time.

## What you will need

- Free OverDrive app
- OverDrive account
- Valid Fairfax County library card
- Wireless Internet Connection

## One-Time Install

1. Download the OverDrive app from the App Store.
2. Register for an OverDrive account to sync your libraries, saved searches and reading or listening position across multiple devices. You may sign up with Facebook or enter your name, email and a password. After creating an OverDrive account, open your email to click on a verification link.
3. Tap on the Home menu and then tap **+ Add a Library**.
4. Enter your zip code to search for and select your library branch.
5. Tap the star beneath the name of the branch to save the Fairfax County Public Library system to your list of libraries.

## Search, borrow and download eBooks and eAudiobooks

1. From the Home menu of the OverDrive app, tap **Fairfax County Public Library** to open the OverDrive eBook catalog.
2. Select a title from the displayed categories, or use the menu icon or search box to browse or search for other titles. Use the **Advanced Search** for more options. You may also limit your search to “**Available Now.**”
3. If the title is available (the format icon in the upper-right corner of the cover image is black), tap the book cover and then tap **Borrow**. Enter your library card number and password if prompted. If preferred, allow the device to remember login information.
4. Find the title and tap **Download (Select one format)** and choose either EPUB eBooks or MP3 eAudiobooks. Then select **Confirm & Download**.
5. To open your title, tap the Menu icon in the top left to go to your App Bookshelf.

## Holds

1. If a title is not available (the format icon in the upper-right corner of the cover image is light gray), tap the book cover then tap **Place a Hold**.
2. Enter your library card number and password if prompted.
3. Enter or confirm your email address and tap **Place a Hold**. You may opt to automatically borrow the title when it becomes available.
4. Check the status of your holds at any time. From your Account page, tap on the **Holds** menu to view your holds and your place on the holds list for each item. You may remove holds you no longer want, suspend holds for up to 90 days and turn auto checkout on or off.

## When a hold becomes available

You will receive an email from Fairfax County Public Library from the address **donotreply@overdrive.com**. If not checked out within 96 hours, the hold will expire.

1. On your device please visit the **Fairfax County Public Library website** from either the email link or from your device's browser at <http://fairfax.lib.overdrive.com>.
2. Enter your library card number and password if prompted.
3. From your Account's **Holds** menu, you can borrow and download the title.

## Return an item early

In the App Bookshelf tap and hold the cover to **Delete**, **Return** or **Share** the item. **Return** a title to both remove it from your account and delete the file from your device.

## Renew

The option to renew a title becomes available three days before the title is set to expire and appears next to the title on your **Bookshelf** under your library **Account**. You can only use the renew feature once per title.

## Notes

### eAudiobook availability for Apple devices

WMA titles can be searched through <http://fairfax.lib.overdrive.com>, rather than using the OverDrive app. Unfortunately, the Mac operating system does not natively support DRM-protected WMA files. OverDrive for Mac is only compatible with MP3 audiobooks. WMA titles marked as compatible with transfer to an Apple device (such as an iPod or iPhone) must be downloaded to a PC using the OverDrive Media Console software for Windows. Titles may then be transferred to an Apple device. WMA titles may not be returned early.